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Interviews: 621 voters  
Dates: March 8, 2000

48 Male  
52 Female  
[109]

**FINAL**

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**Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.**

**The margin of error for  
621 interviews is  $\pm 3.9\%$**

**NOTE:** Current data reflects results among registered voters only. Unless otherwise noted, comparative data shown reflects responses among all adults.

1. Are you currently registered to vote in the precinct or election district in which you now live, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

Registered.....	100	<b>CONTINUE</b>	[137]
Not registered.....	-	<b>TERMINATE</b>	
Not sure.....	-		

- 2a. If the next election for president were held today, and Al Gore were running as the Democratic candidate and George W. Bush were the Republican candidate, for whom would you vote?

		3/2-5/00		1/00						[138]
		All	Regis- tered	All	Regis- tered	12/99	10/99	9/99	7/99	
	3/8/00	Adults	Voters	Adults	Voters					
Al Gore.....	43	46	48	44	43	39	39	35	37	
George W. Bush.....	40	46	45	47	49	50	49	52	50	
Neither/other (VOL).....	7	4	3	3	3	5	5	6	5	
Not sure.....	10	4	4	6	5	6	7	7	8	
		6/99	4/99	3/99	12/98	10/98+	9/98	4/98	9/97	
		36	35	34	40	40	39	41	45	
		51	53	52	50	48	49	44	39	
		4	5	4	5	5	5	5	8	
		9	7	10	5	7	7	10	8	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

- 2b. If the next election for president were held today, and Al Gore were running as the Democratic candidate, George W. Bush were the Republican candidate, and Ross Perot were the Reform Party candidate, for whom would you vote?

	3/8/00	12/99	
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Al Gore.....	42	35	[139]

George W. Bush.....	40	48
Ross Perot.....	5	9
None/other (VOL).....	5	3
Not sure.....	8	5

- 2c. If the next election for president were held today, and Al Gore were running as the Democratic candidate, George W. Bush were the Republican candidate, and John McCain were running as a candidate independent of either party, for whom would you vote?

	3/8/00	3/2-5/00		
		All Adult	Registered Voters	
Al Gore.....	34	33	34	[140]
George W. Bush.....	32	35	35	
John McCain.....	23	24	24	
None/other (VOL).....	2	2	1	
Not sure.....	9	6	6	

3. I'd like you to compare Al Gore and George W. Bush on a few issues. For each one, please tell me whether you think that Al Gore or George W. Bush would be better on that issue. If you think that both would be equally good on a particular issue, just say so. Who do you think would be better when it comes to **(READ ITEM)**--Al Gore or George W. Bush?

	Al Gore Better	George W. Bush Better	Both Equally Good	Neither Good (VOL)	Not Sure	
Social Security.....	40	30	13	4	13	[141]
Taxes.....	32	43	9	6	10	[142]
Education.....	42	32	14	3	9	[143]

4. Now I'd like you to compare George W. Bush and Al Gore on a few qualities that people might look for in a president. Who do you think is better when it comes to **(READ ITEM)**--George W. Bush or Al Gore? If you think that both would be equally good on a particular quality, just say so.

	George W. Bush Better	Al Gore Better	Both Equally Good	Neither Good (VOL)	Not Sure	
Having the best character and being trustworthy.....	35	37	16	7	5	[144]
Having good ideas and policies for the future.....	36	36	16	5	7	[145]
Having the right experience and the ability to do the job of president.....	30	47	15	4	4	[146]

5. Thinking ahead to the general election, would you say that **(READ NAME)** is acceptable and you would consider voting for him, or is he not acceptable and you would not consider voting for him?

	Acceptable/ Would Consider Voting For	Not Acceptable/ Would NOT Consider Voting For	Depends (VOL)	Not Sure	
George W. Bush.....	59	35	3	3	[147]
Al Gore.....	61	34	2	3	[148]

**FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.**

F1. How old are you? **(IF REFUSED, ASK:)** Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24.....	9	<b>[149-150]</b>
25-29.....	7	
30-34.....	7	
35-39.....	9	
40-44.....	12	
45-49.....	11	
50-54.....	11	
55-59.....	7	
60-64.....	6	
65-69.....	7	
70-74.....	5	
75 and over.....	8	
Refused.....	1	

F2. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? **(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:)** Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? **(IF NOT SURE, CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.")** **(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:)** Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? **(IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")**

Strong Democrat.....	19	<b>[151]</b>
Not very strong Democrat.....	11	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	9	
Strictly independent.....	20	
Independent/lean Republican.....	10	
Not very strong Republican.....	10	
Strong Republican.....	15	
Other.....	3	
Not sure/nothing.....	3	

F3. In what religion were you brought up?

Protestant.....	49	<b>[152]</b>
Catholic.....	30	
Jewish.....	2	
Other.....	12	
None.....	5	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F4. Finally, are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background? **(IF "NO," ASK:)** What is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

Hispanic.....	5	<b>[153]</b>
White.....	80	
Black.....	10	
Asian.....	2	
Other.....	2	
Not sure/refused.....	1	